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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 10056

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PEPR, GB, DM, GV
SUBJECT: BENIN/GABON DISPUTE

REF: A) LIBREVILLE 2221, B) LAGOS 9595

1. IN VIEW OF STATEMENT BY LAGOS POLICE SUPT. TO POLCOUNS THAT HE HAD ESCORTED GUINEAN PRIMIN BEAVOGUI TO NIGERIAN/BENIN BORDER AT CONCLUSION OF BEAVOGUT'S FOUR-DAY VISIT IN NIGERIA AND RUMORS IN LAGOS THAT NIGERIA WAS ASKED TO MEDIATE IN BENIN/GABON DISPUTE, POLCOUNS DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH MEA AFRICA DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FAFOWARA AUGUST 14.

2. FAFOWARA WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY REQUEST TO NIGERIA TO ACT AS MEDIATOR--"THE GUINEANS ARE TAKING CARE OF THAT." HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT NIGERIA HAD INFORMED ALL PARTIES THAT FLIGHTS CARRYING REFUGEES WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LAND IN NIGERIA. EVIDENTLY SOME OF 400 REFUGEES WHO WERE BROUGHT BY AIR FROM LIBREVILLE ON AUGUST 1 AND SENT ON BY ROAD TO BENIN DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE NIGERIA. THEY WERE FORCIBLY PUT ON THE CHARTERED BUSES AND THE GOVERNMENT RECEIVED SOME ADVERSE PUBLICITY.
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IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT A REPEAT PERFORMANCE, THE FMG DECIDED TO PROHIBIT FURTHER FLIGHTS FROM LANDING IN LAGOS.
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